

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 15, 2012**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy Board meeting was held Friday, June 15, 2012, at The Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

**The following members were present:**

Jane H. Johnson, Chair  
Kathy Lescak, Vice-Chair  
Denise Taylor  
Jennifer C. Clay  
Freddy Seagraves, Consumer Member

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Stephanie Mason, Assistant Attorney General  
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

**Guest Attendees:**

Jeremy DeRamus

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Agenda:**

Ms. Lescak motioned, Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

**Board Meeting Minutes:**

Ms. Lescak motioned, Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following Board meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

- April 26, 2012

**Board Chair Report:**

No report presented

**Executive Director's Report:**

1. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the memo provided by Attorney General Sam Olens regarding amendments to the Open Records and Open Meetings Act with the Board.

Ms. Lescak motioned, Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

**Petition for variance/waiver requests:**

- Cathy H. Moore, MT000346-Rule 345-4-.02 Continuing Education Hours. Amended.

**Ms. Lescak motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion granted.**

- Marsha Harper – O.C.G.A. 43-24A-8 (c ) (6)

**Mr. Seagraves motioned, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion granted.**

- Mary Ashmore, MT001743- Rule 345-4-.02 Continuing Education Hours. Amended.

**Ms. Lescak motioned, Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion granted.**

- Tiana Allen, MT006114- Rule 345-4-.05 Reinstatement of a License

**Ms. Lescak motioned, Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion granted.**

**Probation Report:**

- Katrina Hardwick, MT008247

**Ms. Lescak motioned, Ms. Taylor seconded, and the Board voted to refer the probation file to the Attorney General' Office for violation of the public Board order. Required fine amount due has not been paid in the required time frame. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Yun Hi Lee, MT002565

**Ms. Lescak motioned, Ms. Taylor seconded, and the Board voted to refer the probation file to the Attorney General' Office for violation of a public Board order. Required fine amount due has not been paid in the required time frame. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Cynthia Manton, MT008024- Probation Termination Request

**Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted to grant the probation termination request. Licensee has complied with all terms and conditions as outlined in her public order. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Rules Discussion Continued:**

- Rule 345-3-.01 Application for Licensure prior to July 1, 2007

**Ms. Lescak motioned, Ms. Taylor seconded, and the Board voted to post the amendments to Rule 345-3-.01 Application for Licensure prior to July 1, 2007 for the 30-day minimum requirement upon the receipt of the memo of authority from the AAG, Stephanie Mason. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Rule 345-3-.02 Applications for Licensure Post July 01, 2007

Board discussed possible amendments to Rule 345-3-.02 Applications for Licensure Post July 01, 2007. This will be an ongoing agenda topic.

- Rule 345-5-.02 Provisional Licensure

Board drafted amendments to Rule 345-5-.02 Provisional Licensure. Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Director will finalize amendments and present back to the Board at the next scheduled meeting. Provisional permit fee has been established as \$250.00 per permit issued. Board will ratify a list of all administratively issued permits per meeting.

### **Approved Licensees:**

The Board reviewed the list of applicants that have been previously reviewed and approved between meetings for administrative issuance under the Boards direction since the prior meeting, April 26, 2012.

**Ms. Clay motioned, and Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Enforcement Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Johnson, Lescak, Seagraves, Taylor and Clay.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, June 15, 2012, Ms. Johnson declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.**

### **APPLICATIONS:**

**Ms. Lescak motioned, and Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Application/Endorsement: None opposed, motion carried.**

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| 1. Bassett, Dawan    | Approved for licensure  |
| 2. Briggs, Stephanie | Approved for licensure  |
| 3. Brooks. Shawnda   | Approved for licensure  |
| 4. Bryant, Tyler     | Approved for licensure  |
| 5. Conners, Chelsea  | Approved for licensure  |
| 6. K.C.              | Refer to the AG's office for issuance of an informal monitoring order.  |
| 7. J.D.              | Issue upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand with fine for ULP. License will be issued once fine amount is paid in full. |
| 8. Duffield, Kenneth | Approved for licensure  |
| 9. Evans, Kala       | Approved for licensure  |
| 10. Fennell, Tara    | Approved for licensure  |
| 11. B.H.             | Issue upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand with fine for ULP. License will be issued once fine amount is paid in full. |
| 12. Hunter, Stephen  | Approved for licensure  |
| 13. Huntoon, Lisa    | Approved for licensure  |

14. Kirk, Gerald	Approved for licensure
15. McGuire, Liza	Approved for licensure
16. Mills, Wesley	Approved for licensure
17. Morales, Jacemyein	Approved for licensure
18. D.Q.	Issue upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand with fine for ULP. License will be issued once fine amount is paid in full.
19. Rossington, Annie	Approved for licensure
20. B.T.R.	Issue upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand with fine for ULP. License will be issued once fine amount is paid in full.
21. P.T.	Denied. Applicant does not meet the educational requirements.
22. L.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
23. J.W.	Issue upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand with fine for ULP. License will be issued once fine amount is paid in full.
24. Y.X.	Issue upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand with fine for ULP. License will be issued once fine amount is paid in full.
25. X.Z.	Issue upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand with fine for ULP. License will be issued once fine amount is paid in full.
26. Zheng, Li	Approved for licensure
27. Zhou, Li	Approved for licensure

**Ms. Lescak motioned, and Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Reinstatement. None opposed, motion carried.**

1. Angrand, Ruth	Approved for licensure
2. Harrell, Margaret	Approved for licensure
3. Hooks, Avery	Approved for licensure
4. Metcalfe, Dara	Approved for licensure
5. S.O.C.	Refer to the AG's office for violation of the initially issued consent order. Issue upon the receipt of a new signed Public reprimand with fine for ULP.
6. Griffin, Suping	Approved for licensure
7. Paine, Safayia	Approved for licensure
8. Sims, Randall	Approved for licensure
9. Summers, Lowell	Approved for licensure
10. Vajda, Catherine	Approved for licensure

**Applicant Interviews:**

**Ms. Lescak motioned, and Ms. Taylor seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants for licensure by Application appearing before the Board:**

1. Leach, Derrick	Approved for licensure
2. P.Y.J.	Refer to the AG's office for issuance of a public reprimand

**Cognizant Report:****Complaint cases closed; no additional actions required:**

- MT110103, MT110118, MT120001, MT120008, MT120030, MT120033, MT120046, MT120052, MT120054 and MT120055

**Complaint cases referred to Enforcement**

- MT120077, MT120078, MT120084, MT120088 and MT120089

**Complaint cases referred to the Attorney General's Office:**

- MT120021 and MT120067

**Complaint Cases pending the receipt of additional information from complainant/respondent:**

- MT120058 and MT120068

**Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Attorney General's Report:**

Assistant Attorney General, Stephanie Mason provided the Board with a status report which included information on any cases referred for action.

**After an in-depth discussion, Ms. Lescak motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted to refer the following complaint cases to the Attorney General's Office to seek revocation of licensure. None opposed, motion carried.**

- MT110060, MT120035, MT120036, MT120037 and MT120038

The Board discussed individuals hand served a Notice of Hearing for the prior days (June 14, 2012) hearings before the Board who had failed to show. The individuals will be referred back to the AG's office for Board Orders and monetary fines to be sent out. New Notice of Cease & Desist and Fine Hearing or Notice of Disciplinary Hearing will be sent out for the planned November 15, 2012 hearing date around mid October to those not responding.

**Ms. Lescak motioned, Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Massage Therapy School Report:**

- H.O.H.M.S. - Approved pending the receipt of the NCBTMB school provider code and NPEC authorization.

**Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Massage Therapy School report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

### **Executive Session Correspondences:**

- T.S.- Would like consent order changed from “public” to “private”

Ms. Lescak motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted not to grant the request. Board decision stands. License will be issued upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand.

### **Additional Business:**

1. Scheduled Board Meeting Date Change:

**Mr. Seagraves motioned, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to reschedule the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to September 14<sup>th</sup>. None opposed, motion carried.**

2. **Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to request a memorandum of advice from AAG, Stephanie Mason defining moral turpitude (O.C.G.A. 43-24A-8(4) and Unlawful Acts (O.C.G.A. 43-24A-15). None opposed, motion carried.**

**There being no additional business to discuss, Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the conference call meeting at 3:30 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

**JANE H. JOHNSON**  
Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**  
Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: November 26, 2012